

AGENDA
EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
County Council Chambers
December 5, 2023
6:00 PM

Council's meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Council's Rules and Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, in the event Council's Rules do not cover the procedural issue at hand. This agenda may be modified prior to or during the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation – Bishop Philip Napier, Edgefield, SC
Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

October 26, 2023, Joint Training Session
November 7, 2023, Regular Monthly Meeting
November 15, 2023, Called Meeting

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Fran Forrest's Retirement

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Agenda Items other than Public Hearing Matters

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VI. REPORTS

Monthly Reports 2023
Agenda/Minutes of the following meetings

October, 2023, Planning Commission Work Session Minutes
October, 2023, Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

(SEE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance 21-23-784, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Administration section 2-21 Compensation of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances.
2. Ordinance 21-23-783, an ordinance to amend Chapter 6 Animals sections 6-21 and 6-22 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances.

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3. Ordinance 21-23-785, authorizing the enlargement of the Joint County Industrial Park dated February 11, 2019, between Saluda County, South Carolina, and Edgefield County, South Carolina, so as to enlarge the Park to include certain property of PAC TELL Group, INC. d/b/a US FIBERS (Project Eagle), and other matters related thereto.
4. Ordinance 21-23-782, authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Edgefield County, South Carolina, and PAC TELL Group, INC. d/b/a US FIBERS (Project Eagle) providing for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes, special source revenue credits and other matters related thereto.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval of the Third Reading of Ordinance 21-23-781 to amend Article 5, Division 2, Purchasing of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances.
The monetary limits for *no bids required, three bids required, and sealed bids required* have not been increased since 2015. The dramatic increase in goods and services necessitates an update to these limits to facilitate efficient purchasing and departmental operations.
Exhibit I
2. Consideration of Approval of the Third Reading of Ordinance 21-23-782, authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Edgefield County, South Carolina, and PAC TELL Group, INC. d/b/a US FIBERS (Project Eagle) providing for payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes, special source revenue credits and other matters related thereto.
Exhibit II
3. Consideration of Approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance 21-23-785, authorizing the enlargement of the Joint County Industrial Park dated February 11, 2019, between Saluda County, South Carolina, and Edgefield County, South Carolina, so as to enlarge the Park to include certain property of PAC TELL Group, INC. d/b/a US FIBERS (Project Eagle), and other matters related thereto.
Exhibit III
4. Consideration of Approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance 21-23-784, to amend Chapter 2 Administration Section 2-21 Compensation of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances.
The changes consist of applying County cost of living increases that all County employees receive to the County Council as well. By state law, the effective date of any such cost-of-living raises for the Council would take place the first of January following a general election where two or more members of the Council have been elected. In addition, the cost-of-living increase for Council must be clearly indicated in the budget approval process.
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5. Consideration of Approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance 21-23-783, to amend Chapter 6 Animals sections 6-21 and 6-22 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances. **The changes consist of replacing business days with calendar days in Section 6-21 Impoundment, redemption, and adoption, and Section 6-22 Registration.**
Exhibit V

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval of Resolution 21-23-1172, recognizing Edgefield County Hospital CEO Carlos Milanes for his years of dedicated service to Edgefield County.
Exhibit VI
2. Consideration of Approval of the Grant Award Agreement with the SC Department of Agriculture on behalf of Project Freezer Fresh.
Edgefield County will serve as a pass through to disburse \$2.5 million of grant funds from the SC Department of Agriculture to Project Freezer Fresh for a freezer storage facility. This is a \$6.5 million project that will result in 53 jobs.
Exhibit VII
3. Consideration of Approval to increase EMA Director James Crowder's hours from 35 hours per week to 40. The additional five hours will be dedicated to website improvement and maintenance. The estimated increase in pay is \$7,000 per year funded by Administration.
James Crowder has the knowledge and skills needed to perform these tasks. The County has long needed in-house website maintenance.
4. Consideration of Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance 21-23-786, to amend Chapter 24 Land Development Sections 24-248, 251, 252, 285 & 286 of the Edgefield County Code of Ordinances including Application, Major Subdivisions, Land Development other than a subdivision, County Planning Administrator, and County Planning Commission.
The Edgefield County Planning Commission, based upon the recommendations of the Building and Planning Department staff, reviewed proposed changes to Chapters 24 of the Edgefield County Land Development Ordinance. The Planning Commission determined that the current Edgefield County Ordinances need to be updated to reflect the need for changes to the application and administration of the County land development regulations.
Exhibit VIII
5. Consideration of Approval to award the contract to Gore Construction to construct a press box (used for scorekeeping) at the Bettis Park football field.
This building will be funded by the state earmark for Bettis Park. It replaces an old elevated platform. No county funds will be used.

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Exhibit IX

Contractor	Gore	Yarborough	Palmetto	Superior Shelter
Total Bid	\$23,500	\$25,800	No bid	No bid
Local Preference	yes	no	no	no

6. Consideration of Approval to convert one of the Animal Care and Control Facility part-time positions to full-time at an increased cost of approximately \$22,000.
The ACCF remains at capacity most days. After speaking with staff and reviewing operations, it is clear that additional help is needed. This increase will be offset by cost savings elsewhere in the general fund budget.

7. Consideration of Approval to contract with Moseley Architects to conduct an EMS/ Sheriff's substation Needs Study and Concept plan at a cost of \$16,500.
A priority item in our 2023 Strategic Plan was to address the needs of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in terms of location of new facilities, expansion, funding, and personnel. This is recommendation 1 of the User Fee Committee. Conducting this study will give us hard data needed for the planning process.

Exhibit X

8. Consideration of Approval to allow staff to produce a capital improvement plan.
This is recommendation 2 of the User Fee Committee. This is a requirement prior to the professional impact fee study. This study is required prior to the establishment of an impact fee. An impact fee is typically added to the cost of new construction to cover the costs of capital improvements or services that increase in cost and demand due to the new construction.

Exhibit X

9. Consideration of Approval for staff to assemble a stakeholder meeting between the residents of Orchard Estates, developers, and staff to collaborate a path forward on failing infrastructure within the subdivision.
This is recommendation 3 of the User Fee Committee. The roads in Orchard Estates are private, in great disrepair, and the Company that built them went bankrupt years ago.

Exhibit X

10. Consideration of approval of rental rates for the County Recreation building at Scout Park.

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Packages	Rates	Security Deposit	Cleaning Fee	Total
A – 4 hours	\$100	\$100	\$50	\$250
B – 8 hours	\$200	\$100	\$50	\$350
C – 12 hours	\$300	\$100	\$50	\$450

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

All additional comments

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X. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

XI. REPORT BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

XII. COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Performance Evaluation for Clerk to Council and Administrator)

XIV. ADJOURN